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Group Art Unit : 2812

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 31, 2002, applicant submits this amendment to place the above identified application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, in better condition for appeal.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, 23, 24 and 26 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A vacuum processing system,
comprising:

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Request for One-Month Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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